

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This communication is a Fourth Office Action Allowance on the merits. Claims 1-44, as originally filed, are currently pending and have been considered below.

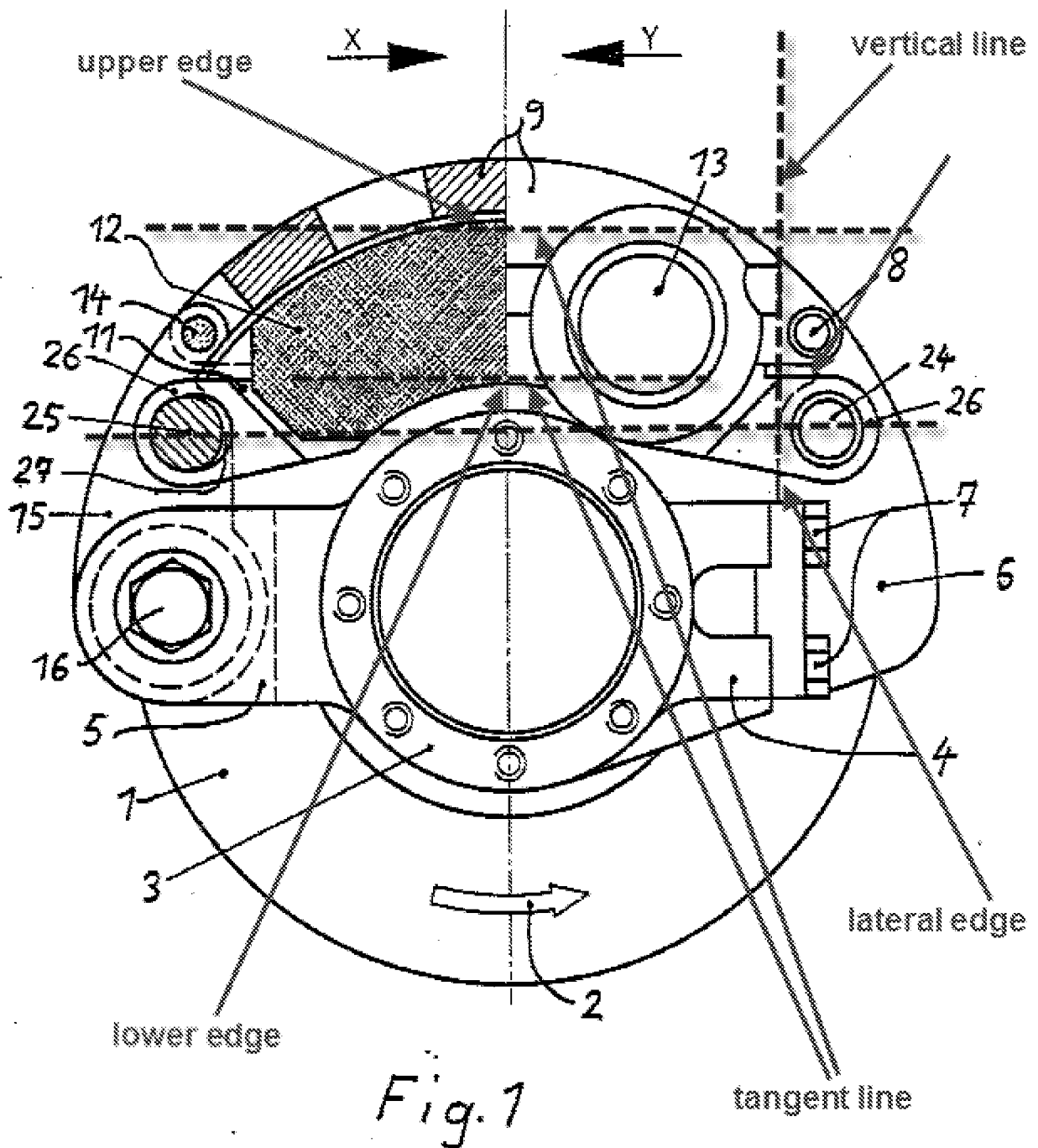
#### ***Response to Amendment***

The amendment filed December 27, 2011 has been entered. Claim 26 has been amended, claims 12-25 have been cancelled and claims 8, 28 have been previously cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-7, 9-11, 26-27 and 29-44 are now pending in the application.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art Bieker D. et al. (DE-3530598) discloses Automotive Disc Brake Caliper has Mounting at End Movable for limited Amount on Bracket having a brake pad (11, Figures 1-4) for a disc brake that can be associated with a caliper (Figures 1-4) with thrust means for clamping said brake pad with friction against a braking band of a brake disc (Figure 1-4), wherein the brake pad comprises, said upper edge and lower edge extend substantially along circumferences of a circle imparting an arcuate shape to the central portion so that said upper edge is substantially convex and said lower edge is substantially concave (Attached figure and figure 1), and said support appendages are disposed substantially at the height of said lower edge of said brake pad (Attached figure and figure 1).



However, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest a plate with a central portion provided with a layer of friction material, said central portion having an upper edge and an opposed arcuate lower edge and also two lateral edges, said lower arcuate edge

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having a tangent point; two support appendages which extend from said lateral edges of the central portion, each of said support appendages bounding an eye capable of receiving a pin of the caliper, said eyes disposed substantially on a tangent line to a lower arcuate edge at the tangent point halfway between said lateral edges such that the tangent line intersects both pins (for claim 1) and two support appendages which extend from said lateral edges of the central portion, each of said support appendages bounding an eye capable of receiving a pin of the caliper, the radius of said eye being less than the radius of said pin so that the mutual bearing between said pin and said eye occurs at two points of contact (claim 44).

The prior art fails to disclose or suggest these limitation recited in independent claims 1, 26 and 44 and therefore allowable Claims 2-7, 9-11, 27, 29-43 depend directly or indirectly on claims 1, 26 accordingly, and are therefore, also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAN AUNG whose telephone number is (571)270-5792. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-to- Fri 7:30 am- to 5:00 pm..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi can be reached on 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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